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THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,
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MARRIAGE.

On the 5th December, at St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong, by the Rev. Rowland F. Cobbold, assisted by the Rev. A. Gurney Goldsmith, M.A., DOUGLAS W. CRADDOCK, son of Vaughan C. Craddock, of Forest Gate, Essex, to MARY EDITH (MOLLIE) CROWN, daughter of Thomas L. Crown, of Skelton, Boroughbridge, Yorkshire.

DEATH.

On board the S.S. *Hokow*, in the Canton river, on the 5th December, by the accidental discharge of a revolver, A. FAULDS, second engineer, aged 33 years.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1892

TELEGRAMS.

THE MONETARY CONFERENCE.

LONDON, December 6th.

The "Times" considers that the Conference has already failed and that a sharp fall in the price of silver will probably ensue.

THE FRENCH MINISTRY.

Mons. Ribot is forming a Cabinet combining the Premiership with the office of Minister for Foreign Affairs.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Old Soak—How I love a good drink.
Sweeter—So do I, when it is free!

The first newspaper in Australia was the *Sydney Gazette* which was established in 1803. Now the first paper is the *Sydney Bulletin*.

A CYCIST remarked the other day that a good many bathing costumes resemble summer vacations, in that they begin too late and end too soon.

"This is an ideal hand," remarked the poker "player" under his breath, as he dealt himself four aces and the other fellow a quartet of monarchs.

We are informed by the agents (Messrs. Dodwell, Canlin & Co.) that the "Shirley" Line steamer *Pamphylus* left Singapore for this port yesterday, and is due on or about the 13th inst.

By last mail we observe that the American papers now refer to our friend Amot Reid, the "greatest circulation" man, as "The Hon. Amot Reid." They also comment on his boyish appearance.

An Emergency meeting of St. John Lodge, No. 618, S.C., will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zealand Street, this evening, at 8.30 for 9 o'clock precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

MAILS Due:—

Bombay (Shanghai)	7th instant.
Singapore (Bengal)	7th
Bombay (Brisbane)	8th
American (Galle)	10th
Indian (Wingate)	13th

The latest news, says the New York *World*, from the Chinese Legation is that Mr. Ho says he will remain. But Tani Kwo Yin says: "Oh, ho! Mr. Ho, we'll see about that." Meanwhile Mikiewicz says: "What are you going to do about it?" and the good Elder he lay low.

It's a cold day when John Chinaman "gets left" in the Australasian columns. The drawer of Glenelg, and winner of the first prize in Gale's Constitution for the Melbourne Cup, was Mr. Ah For, who follows the occupation of a gardener in Bowen, North Queensland. "Joas" never deserts his intimate friends.

FROM the *Christian Register*—Servant (delivering message)—Mr. Triplett sends his compliments to Mr. Gassam, with the request that he shoot his dog, which is a nuisance to the neighborhood. Gassam told Mr. Triplett's compliments to Mr. Triplett, and ask him to kindly shoot his daughter and burn her piano.

"NANCY HANKS."
Where under heavens did the man find that name?—Exchange. Had there never been a Nancy Hanks there never would have an Abraham Lincoln. The good woman who gave to the world one of its chief figures, and to this country its martyr President, was Nancy Hanks.

AMONG the passengers to Hongkong by the *Yarra* on Saturday was Mr. Walcott, who has been doing a tremendous business in the Straits, Dutch Indies, and French colonies with emery files of his own make, which every body wants to buy on seeing him exhibit, and with handy pocket knives. He believes Mr. Walcott intends to show in Hongkong shortly.

THE official returns of the consumption of tobacco in France last year show that the total was 74,314,000 pounds and the amount realized by the sale of it was about \$7,840,000, representing a consumption of nearly 2 pounds in weight and \$1.85 in value per head of the population. The cigars made in France realized a total of about \$10,000,000. Cigarettes made in France were sold to a total of about \$4,000,000 while tobacco for smoking in pipes fetched \$34,430,000.

ADELINA PATTI has been writing her memoirs and reminiscences with great frankness. On one occasion, she says, she was actually embarrassed by the late King of Spain. He was conducting her over the palace in company with the present Queen. Every four or five seconds his Majesty called the singer's attention to some picture or trinket and exclaimed mournfully, "That belonged to my dear Mercedes" (his first wife). The Queen and the artist tried to change the subject but Alfonso XII was full of loving reminiscences, and he led the conversation.

WE received from the Post Office this morning a number of Rayons, Penang, and Singapore newspapers, dating from the 5th to the 1st ult. As a steamer has arrived from the South-to-day up to the time of writing, it traps the Acting Postmaster-General may see fit to enlighten us as to where these papers have been for the past ten days. There is on the post office notice board a notification to the effect that the *Ekstra* arrived to-day from Singapore; so that possibly this is the *Ekstra's* mail. As a matter of fact, she arrived on Saturday night at Sunday morning last, so that it has taken our \$8000 a-year Post Office four days to find it out!

A DEPLORABLE accident occurred on board the China Navigation Co.'s steamer *Hokow* in the Canton river on the 5th inst, whilst en route from Hongkong to Canton. The second engineer Mr. A. Faulds, was making good some slight defects in his revolver, apparently having forgotten to withdraw the cartridges, when one of the chambers went off accidentally and the bullet went clean through his heart, causing instant death. The funeral took place at Canton on Tuesday and was attended by most of the captains, officers, and crew of the port, all the vessels flying their flags at half-mast. The deceased, who leaves a wife and family at home to mourn his loss, was in his thirty-third year and to all appearance had a promising career before him. He was very popular on the China coast.

THE orders of the day at the meeting of the Sanitary Board to be held to-morrow at 4 p.m., are as follows:—*Agenda*—Letter from the Colonial Secretary concerning—

1. The statement of a nuisance arising from trade operations.
2. By-laws for the regulation of Bake-houses.
3. By-laws for regulating the construction, etc. of waterclosets on private premises.
4. By-laws for licensing and regulating Common Lodging-houses.
5. A Mortality Return for the weeks ended the 26th November and 3rd December, 1892.
6. Report by Surveyor regarding the condition of the drains of houses Nos. 2 to 3 (even numbers), Possession Street; and No. 333, Hollywood Road.
7. Applications for licences to keep swine.

A RIFLE match was brought off the other day between teams representing Selangor and British North Borneo. The conditions were eight men each, ten shots each at 100 and 200 yards respectively, with Snider rifles. After an interesting contest the North Borneo marksmen gained a creditable victory by 44 points. The scores were:—

BRITISH NORTH BORNEO.	
Governor C. V. Creagh	75
Captain C. Pinson	75
Mr. S. H. Pateson	75
Mr. A. Jones	75
Captain E. A. Barnett	67
Mr. J. H. Walker	65
Dr. A. Lord	65
Mr. T. A. Pavitt	64
Total score	550

SELANGOR.	
Mr. Summers	69
Dr. Travers	69
Captain Syer	68
Mr. Oldfield	66
Mr. Crompton	66
Mr. Masilo	62
Mr. Alexander	60
Mr. Cumming	59
Total score	516

"WHAT a little bit of a thing your baby sister is!" "Yes; it is a condensed-milk baby."

Hongkong Hotel Clerk (to suspicious-looking guest)—Have you a trunk, sir?
Globe-trotter.—What the devil do you mean? Do you take me for an elephant?

SAMUEL F. DE SOUZA, who was tried the other day in Singapore for breach of trust as a public servant, was found guilty and on the 19th ult. sentenced to eighteen months' rigorous imprisonment.

THERE will be a regular annual meeting of the District Grand Lodge of Hongkong and South China, held in the Masonic Hall, 21-land Street, on Thursday, the 29th inst., at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely.

A SAN FRANCISCO paper says that there is a theater in London which gives away a necktie with every ticket sold, and remarks—"If we keep on building more theaters in Frisco it will take a gold watch or a diamond ring with each ticket sold or given away to even fill the houses in acceptable style."

As will be observed from a notice in our advertising columns, the annual sale of fancy articles made by the inmates of the Italian Convent, Caine Road, will be held at the Convent on the 15th and 16th inst. As the proceeds of this fancy sale will be devoted to the interests of this most useful and deserving institution, it is to be hoped that the community will accord their hearty support.

THUS the New York *Maritime Register*—"We can build ships of all kinds. We will find a way to run them as economically as the best managed in the world. But where are we to get the officers to sail them? To man them? We want American officers and seamen. In the time of our success they were beyond all others in quality. And this is the kind we must get again. The way to build ships has been found. We must now set to work to get the American youth to take to the sea once more." Engage a few from the Far East for a start!

LAST night the tide rose in the harbor to an exceptional height. It washed over many of the boats, and covered the "Pais" which was out and the elephantine understandings of the European constable stationed on Pedder's Wharf, who, when asked the cause of the unusual rise of water, said—"Faith, and it's a much better than I'd dream me if it swells much higher." He's alive yet though. Fortunately there was next to no wind, but had a northerly "buster" swept over the colony a repetition of last December's disastrous storm would have been a dead certainty.

THE Roman journal *Ufficiali* says, referring to the late French manoeuvres, that the work the French soldiers accomplished was admirable beyond question, and given a clear idea of their powerful military organization, including the railway service. Without being jealous of our neighbor, remarks the Italian paper, we would be glad if their example could be followed in our country. In truth, we are far inferior to the French organization, and our inferiority is rendered more painful by the fact that it is completely ignored. We believe that we are almost at the top of the mountain, when in reality we are at the foot.

TO-DAY'S SHIPPING RETURNS.

Inward.	
Taiyich	Steamer, from Wuhu.
Victoria	" Canton.
Alex	" Japan.
Diana	" Amoy.
Glenagla	" Canton.
Hongay	" Wuhu.
Wooning	" Swatow.
Aggregating	8,004 tons, register.

Outward.	
Taiyich	Steamer, for Shanghai.
Deuts	" Kobe.
Gov. Jacob	" Singapore.
Taiich	" Swatow.
Aggregating	4,493 tons, register.

AT 4 o'clock next Saturday afternoon, Leo Fernandez, better known in Hongkong as "Mexican William," will make a balloon ascent from Causeway Bay, East Point—on the ground that it has been used by the Polo Club for some time past and which has been kindly loaned for the occasion by his Excellency the Governor, and after going through a daring trapeze performance at a distance of five hundred feet in mid-air, the famous aeronaut will make a sensational descent from the clouds in his parachute, eclipsing all previous performances of a similar character ever seen in Hongkong. Sir Hernandez has just finished a new balloon, from which he has great expectations. The price of admission to the enclosure, as will be seen from an advertisement in another column, are ridiculously low, so that this clever, daring, and most daring performer ought to attract a huge audience. A liberal offer has been made to this journal to allow our world-renowned Office to accompany Mexican Bill in his aerial tour, but as all the local papers, excepting the O. G., are either dead or moribund, we have been compelled to reject all these flattering overtures. The Goat has a laudable ambition to succeed the Hon. Mr. O'Brien as Colonial Secretary of Hongkong.

OUR friends the Stanley Awfols wound up their season in Batavia under circumstances which might have been tragic, and certainly were exciting enough for anything. Like most foreigners, Dutchmen have a strong predilection, which has almost become a generally recognized privilege in the East, for going behind the curtain between the acts, for the purpose of "mashing" the fair performers, and in this they were so strongly indulged in that it became a nuisance to the stage manager. Mr. Stanley accordingly gave instructions to his stage manager, the ubiquitous Tommy Empson, that no person was to be allowed upon the stage during the performance, under any pretext whatever. We learn, however, from our Penang contemporary the *Strait Independent*, that several young Dutch officers disregarded this mandate, and on the evening before the Company left, made their appearance, just at the close of the performance, in all the glory of their military trappings. The perspicacious Empson blandly requested the intruders to remove themselves, a request which was flatly declined. The brave sons of Holland were not going to get out at the bidding of any blabby Englishman; they were on in the "mash" and meant to have a good time. Expatriation was followed by recrimination which led to blows, when one of the officers drew his sword, and was promptly knocked down by Tom Durbal, a member of the Company, who is reported as being very handy with his "dodges." Biff! In an instant the air was alive with shimmering sword blades, the girls—the dear little Awfols—went off into hysterics in sections, and screamed in marvellous discord. Seizing a property sword of the seminary type, the pious Dutch made for these Dutch officers, and in exactly three minutes and a-half sent six of them home on shutters. The next day the whole batch were court-martialed, but with what result has not yet been ascertained. The "Dreadfuls" are now performing in Rangoon and are due to Calcutta before Christmas.

WE are informed by the Agent of the O. & O. S. S. Co., that the steamship *Galle*, with mails, &c., from San Francisco to the 10th ult., has arrived at Yokohama, and left for this port on the 5th inst., at noon.

"YES, brethren," said the clergyman, who was preaching the funeral sermon, "our deceased brother was cut down in a single night—torn from the arms of his loving wife, who is thus left a disconsolate widow at the early age of twenty-four years." "Twenty-two, if you please," sobbed the widow in the front pew, emerging from her handkerchief for an instant.

HARMSTON'S CIRCUS AND MENAGERIE.

Harmston's Circus opened at West Point last night with remarkable success. Their new tent, which is of the largest and handsomest proportions, was not big enough to accommodate the thousands who went, and many had to be refused admission. Outside the tent was the enclosure containing the wild animals, which attracted universal admiration. Two splendid tigers, one of them probably the largest captive tiger on earth (and a very near relative of our Tiamt friend) for which we are informed \$2,500 were offered by a showman who wished to have it at the Chicago exhibition; a very fair specimen of the common or garden lion; a fine cheetah, beautifully marked; a small but fierce black panther, from South America; two immense black bears, two clever performing elephants, and a number of small monkeys and other animals, make up a really fine show event without having the "greatest circus on earth" thrown in. The animals were in good condition after their voyage. The panther, it is said, while on the *Empress* severely scratched several coolies who persisted in going too near, in defiance of warnings.

Last night's programme commenced with a grand procession of eight ladies and gentlemen, in splendid George IV costumes, on horseback, performing a very pretty quadrille with great success. When the last couple bowed their adieu, Johnnie and George Stewart, two violin artists of the *Empress* persuasion, came dancing and fiddling round the ring, and executed a series of wonderful and ludicrous antics, never for a moment stopping their music. They were decidedly the hit of the evening, and were enthusiastically cheered. Mr. W. B. Harmston next introduced two performing horses whose tricks showed that they had received the most careful training. Master Frank Harmston followed, with a popular and successful impersonation of the typical Jack Tar, the Irishman, and the Scot, each in turn came on, on the back of a splendid horse. 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MARRIAGE.
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C. Craddock, of Forest Gate, Essex, to MARY
EDITH (MOLLIE) CROWN, daughter of Thomas
L. Crown, of Skelton, Boroughbridge, York-
shire.

DEATH.
On board the S.S. *Heflow*, in the Canton
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We are informed by the agents (Messrs. Dodwell,
Caird & Co.) that the "Shin" Line steamer
Pambrook left Singapore for this port to-
day, and is due on or about the 13th inst.

By last mail we observe that the American papers
now refer to our friend Annot Reid, the "greatest
circulation" man, as "The Hon. Annot Reid."
They also comment on his boyish appearance.

An Emergency meeting of St. John Lodge, No.
618, S.C., will be held in Freemasons' Hall,
Zetland Street, this evening, at 8.30 for 9 o'clock
precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

MAILS Due—
Singapore (Shanghai) 7th instant.
Bombay (Benard) 7th
Bombay (Benard) 8th
American (Galle) 10th
Indian (Wingard) 13th

THE latest news, says the *New York World*,
from the Chinese Legation is that Mr. Ho says
he will remain. But Tse Kwo Yin says:
"Oh, ho! Mr. Ho, we'll see about that."
Meanwhile Mitkewicz says: "What are you
going to do about it?" and the good Elder he lay
low.

It's a cold day when John Chinaman "gets
left" in the Australian colonies. The driver of
Glenloch, and winner of the first prize in
Gaia's Consultation for the Melbourne Cup, was
Mr. Ah Foy, who follows the occupation of a
gardener in Bowen, North Queensland. "Joss"
never deserts his intimate friends.

FROM the *Christian Register*—Servant
(delivering message)—Mr. Triplett sends his
compliments to Mr. Gassan, with the request
that he should his dog, which he has to the
neighbourhood. Gassan gives Mr. Gassan's
compliments to Mr. Triplett, and ask him to
kindly shoot his daughter and burn her plane.

"NANCY HANKE."
Where under heavens did the man find that
name?—Exchange. Had there never been a
Nancy Hanke, there never would have an
Abraham Lincoln. The good woman who gave
the world one of its chief figures, and to the
country its martyr President, was Nancy
Hanke.

AMONG the passengers to Hongkong by the
Yarra on Saturday was Mr. Walcott, who has
been doing a tremendous business in the
Strait, Dutch Indies, and French colonies
with smelly slices of his own make, which every
body wants to buy on seeing him exhibit,
and with handy pocket knives. We believe
Mr. Walcott intends to show in Hongkong
shortly.

THE official returns of the consumption of
tobacco in France last year show that the total
was 74,314,000 pounds and the amount realized
by the sale of it was about \$7,846,000, represent-
ing a consumption of nearly a pound a head
and \$1.85 in value per head of the population.
The cigars made in France realized a total of
about \$10,400,000. Cigarettes made in France
were sold to a total of about \$4,020,000 while
tobacco for smoking in pipes fetched \$3,430,000.

ADOLINA PATZI has been writing her memoirs
and reminiscences with great frankness. On
one occasion, she says, she was actually
embarrassed by the King of Spain. He
was conducting her over the palace in company
with the present Queen. Every four or five
seconds his Majesty called the singer's attention
to some picture or object and exclaimed mourn-
fully, "That belonged to my dear Mercedes"
(his first wife). The Queen and the artist tried
to change the subject but Alfonso XII was full
of loving reminiscences, and he led the conver-
sation.

We received from the Post Office this morning
a number of Rayson, Penang, and Singapore
newspapers, dating from the 6th to the 1st ult.
As a steamer has arrived from the South to-day
up to the time of writing, it seems the Acting
Postmaster-General may see fit to enlighten us
as to where these papers have been for the past
ten days. There is on the post office notice
board a notification to the effect that the *Elkhra*
arrived to-day from Singapore; so that possibly
this is the *Elkhra's* mail. As a matter of fact,
she arrived on Saturday night or Sunday morn-
ing last, so that it has taken our \$500,000 a year
Post Office four days to find it out!

A DEPLORABLE accident occurred on board the
China Navigation Co.'s steamer *Heflow* in the
Canton river on the 5th inst., whilst en route
from Hongkong to Canton. The second engineer
Mr. A. Faulds, was making good some slight
defects in his revolver, apparently having for-
gotten to withdraw the cartridges, when one of
the chambers went off accidentally and the bullet
went clean through his heart, causing instant
death. The funeral took place at Canton on
Tuesday and was attended by most of the cap-
tains, officers, and engineers in port, all the
vessels flying their flags at half-mast. The
deceased, who leaves a wife and family at home
to mourn his loss, was in his thirty-third year
and to all appearance had a promising career
before him. He was very popular on the China
coast.

THE orders of the day at the meeting of the
Sanitary Board to be held to-morrow at
4 p.m., are as follows:—*Agenda*—Letter
from the Colonial Secretary concerning—

A. The abatement of a nuisance arising from
trade operations.
B. Bye-laws for the regulation of Bake-houses.
C. Bye-laws for regulating the construction,
etc., of waterclosets on private premises.

D. Bye-laws for licensing and regulating
Common Lodging-houses.
E. Medical Returns for the weeks ended the
26th November and 3rd December, 1892.

3. Report by Surveyor regarding the condition
of the drains of houses Nos. 2 to 30, (even
numbers), Possession Street; and No. 233,
Hollywood Road.

4. 47 Applications for licenses to keep awns.

A RIFLE match was brought off the other day
between teams representing Selangor and British
North Borneo. The conditions were eight men
aside, ten shots each at 100 and 200 yards
respectively, with Solder rifles. After an
interesting contest the North Borneo marksmen
secured a creditable victory by 44 points. The
scores were:—

BRITISH NORTH BORNEO.
Governor C. V. Creagh 75
Captain C. Pinson 75
Mr. S. H. Patterson 74
Mr. A. Jones 74
Captain E. A. Barrett 67
Dr. J. H. Walker 66
Mr. A. Loh 61
Mr. T. A. Pavitt 64
Total score 560

SELANGOR.
Mr. Summers 69
Dr. Travers 69
Captain Syers 68
Mr. Oldfield 68
Mr. Crompton 65
Mr. Matile 62
Mr. Alexander 60
Mr. Cumming 59
Total score 516

"WHAT a little bit of a thing your baby sister
is!" "Yes'm; it's a condensed-milk baby."

Hongkong Hotel clerk (to suspicious-looking
guest)—Have you a trunk, sir?
Globe-traveller.—What the devil do you mean?
No you take me for an elephant?

SAMUEL F. DE SOUZA, who was tried the other
day in Singapore for breach of trust as a public
servant, was found guilty and on the 19th ult.
sentenced to eighteen months' rigorous imprison-
ment.

THERE will be a regular annual meeting of the
District Grand Lodge of Hongkong and South
China, held in the Masonic Hall, 2-land
Street, on Thursday, the 29th inst., at 8.30 for
9 p.m., precisely.

A SAN FRANCISCO paper says that there is a
theater in London which gives away a necktie
with every ticket sold, and remarks—if we keep
on building more theaters in Frisco it will take
a gold watch or a diamond ring with each ticket
sold or given away to even fill the houses in
acceptable style.

As will be observed from a notice in our
advertising columns, the annual sale of fancy
articles made by the inmates of the Italian
Convent, Calcutta Road, will be held at the
Convent on the 14th and 15th inst. As the
proceeds of this Fancy Fair will be devoted to
the interests of this most useful and deserving
institution, it is to be hoped that the community
will accord their hearty support.

THUS the *New York Maritime Register*—"We
can build ships of all kinds. We will find a way
to run them as economically as the best managed
in the world. But where are we to get the officers
and sailors to man them? We want American
officers and seamen. In the time of success
they were beyond all others in quality. And
this is the kind we must get again. The way
to build ships has been found. We must now set
to work to get the American youth to take to the
sea once more." Engage a few from the Far
East for a start!

LAST night the tide rose in the harbour to an
exceptional height. It washed over the pier of
Praya West, covered the "Pais" wharf and
wet the elephantine understandings of the
European constable stationed on Pedder's
Wharf, who, when asked the cause of the
unusual rise of water, said—"Faith, and it's a
tidal bore that'll drown me, if it swells much
higher." He's alive yet though. Fortunately
there was next to no wind, but had a northerly
"buster" swept over the colony a repetition of
last December's disastrous storm would have
been a dead certainty.

THE Roman journal *L'Utile* says, referring to
the late French manoeuvres, that the work
the French soldiers accomplished was
admirable beyond question, and gives a clear
idea of their powerful military organization,
including the railway service. Without being
jealous of our neighbour, remarks the Italian
paper, we would be glad if their example could
be followed in our country. In truth, we are far
inferior in the French organization, and our
inferiority is rendered more painful by the fact
that it is completely ignored. We believe that
we are almost on the top of the mountain, when
in reality we are at the foot.

TO-DAY'S SHIPPING RETURNS.

Inward.	
Taiyeh	steamer, from Wuho.
Victoria	" Canton.
Alas	" Japan.
Diana	" Amoy.
Glenagles	" Canton.
Honey	" Wuhu.
Woolung	" Swatow.
Aggregating 8,504 tons, register.	

Outward.	
Taiyeh	steamer, for Shanghai.
Devoter	" Kobe.
Gow's Jacob	" Singapore.
Talis	" Swatow.
Aggregating 4,493 tons, register.	

At 4 o'clock next Saturday afternoon, Leo
Fernandez, better known in Hongkong as
"Mariano" Banno, will make a balloon ascent
from Canton Bay. East Point, on the ground
that has been used by the Polo Club for some
time past and which has been kindly conceded
for the occasion by his Excellency the Governor,
and after going through a daring trapeze per-
formance at a distance of five hundred feet in
mid-air the famous aeronaut will make a sen-
sational descent from the clouds in his parachute,
emulating all previous performances of a similar
character ever seen in Hongkong. Since
Fernandez has just finished a new balloon, from
which he has great expectations. The prices
of admission to the ascent, as will be seen
from an advertisement in another column, are
ridiculously small, so that this clever deserv-
ing, and most daring performer ought to attract
huge audiences. A liberal offer has been made
to this journal to allow our world-renowned
Official Goats to accompany Mexican Bill in his
aerial tour, but as all the local poets, excepting
the O. G., are either dead or moribund, we have
been compelled to reject all these flattering
overtures. The Goats has a laudable ambition
to succeed the Hon. Mr. O'Brien as Colonial
Secretary of Hongkong.

OUR friends the Stanley Awfuls wound up their
season in Batavia under circumstances, which
might have been tragic, and certainly were
exciting enough for anything. Like most
foreigners, Dutchmen have a strong predilec-
tion, which has almost become a generally
recognized privilege in the East, for going
behind the curtain between the acts, in the
repose of the theatre, the fair performers, and in
Batavia this habit was as strongly indulged in
that it became a nuisance to the stage manage-
ment. Mr. Stanley accordingly gave instructions
to his stage manager, the ubiquitous
Tommy Empton, that no person was to be
allowed upon the stage during the performances,
under any pretext whatever. We learn, how-
ever, from our Penang contemporary the *Straits
Independent*, that several young Dutch officers
disregarded this mandate, and on the evening
before the Company left, made their appearance,
just at the close of the performance, in
all the glory of their military trap-
pings. The perspicacious Empton promptly
requested the intruders to remove them-
selves, a request which was flatly declined. The
brave sons of Holland were not going to get out
at the bidding of any Blahky Englishman; they
were on the "mash" and meant to have a good
time. Expatriation was followed by repatriation,
which led to blows, when one of the officers
drew his sword, and was promptly knocked
downwards by Tom Dufab, a new member of the
Company, who is reported as being very handy
with a "dunkers, Biff!" In an instant the air
was filled with whizzing sword blades, the girls
—the dear little Awfuls—went off into hysterics.
In sections, and screamed in marvellous discor-
diance. Seizing a property sword of the scimitar type,
the ponderous Dufab made for these Dutch
officers, and in exactly three minutes and a-half
sent six of them home on stretchers. The next day
the whole batch were court-martialed, but with
what result has not yet transpired. The
"Dreadnought" are now performing in Rangoon
and are due in Calcutta before Christmas.

We are informed by the Agent of the O. & O.
S.S. Co., that the steamship *Galle*, with mails,
&c., from San Francisco to the 10th ult., has
arrived at Yokohama, and left for this port on
the 5th inst., at noon.

"Yes, brethren," said the clergyman, who was
preaching the funeral sermon, "our deceased
brother was cut down in a single night—torn
from the arms of his loving wife, who is thus
left a disconsolate widow at the early age of
twenty-four years." "Twenty-two, if you
please," sobbed the widow in the front pew,
emerging from her handkerchief for an instant.

HARMSTON'S CIRCUS AND MENAGERIE.

Harmston's Circus opened at West Point last
night with remarkable success. Their new tent,
which is of the largest and handsomest pro-
portions, was not big enough to accommodate
the thousands who went, and many had to be
refused admittance. Outside the tent was the
enclosure containing the wild animals, which
attracted universal admiration. Two splendid
tigers, one of them probably the largest captive
tiger on earth (and a very near relative of our
Tytan feline) for which we are informed \$2,500
were offered by a showman who wished to
have it at the Chicago exhibition; a very
fine specimen of the common or garden lion; a
fine cheetah, beautifully marked; a small
but fierce black panther, from South America;
two immense black bears, two clever performing
elephants, and a number of small monkeys and
other animals, make up a really fine show, even
without having the "greatest circus on earth"
(thrown in). The animals were in good condition
after their voyage. The panther, it is said, while
on the *Empress* severely scratched several
coolies who persisted in going too near, in
defiance of warnings.

Last night's programme commenced with a
grand procession of eight ladies and gentlemen,
in splendid George IV costumes, on horseback,
performing a very pretty quadrille with great
success. When the last couple bowed themselves
out, Johnnie and George Stewart, two
violin artists of the *empire* profession, came
dancing and fiddling round the ring, and
executed a series of wonderful and ludicrous
antics, never for a moment stopping their
music. They were decidedly the hit of the
evening, and were enthusiastically encored.
Mr. W. B. Harmston next introduced two per-
forming horses, whose tricks showed that they
had received the most careful training. Master
Frank Harmston followed, with a popular and
successful impersonation of the typical Jack
Tar, the Irishman, and the Scot, each in turn
in full costume, on the back of a splendid horse.
National songs were introduced, but circum-
stances hardly favoured them. Then came Dan
and Tony Feeley, with two large globes, on
which they performed most laughable antics, eliciting
roars of merriment. Miss La Blonde, already a
favourite in Hongkong, introduced a new trick
in bareback riding, and successfully accom-
plished a number of dangerous feats usually
necessitating a broad saddle. As a contrast,
this agile and graceful artist was followed by
the performing elephants, which worked the
seesaw business and many other clever and
amusing tricks, to the great applause. The
renowned Feeley family followed brilliantly on
the double ladders, which concluded the first half
of the entertainment.

After the interval, Mr. George Harmston
entered the ring with a splendid horse, which he
mounted and dismounted again and again while it
galloped at full speed, with the greatest ease. Miss
Adeline Feeley, "Queen of the Air," exhibited
several wonderful new feats on the trapeze,
and seemed perfectly at home in the most
perilous positions. The "comic chain" business
of the three Feeley Brothers, Dan, Tony,
and Willie, brought down the house. Mr.
Gilbert Harmston next put a horse over
some very high hurdles twice the usual circus
height. The concluding scene of the
evening was a "comic sketch," entitled
"Madame Denny," which sent the audience
home in the best of spirits.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by
Correspondents in this column.)

A CORRECTION.
TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."
SIR,—In your leader of Saturday last, should
not the quotation from the Governor's speech
read thus:—

"I hope to be able to save something like
\$60,000 in our annual expenditure."
Instead of "in our annual revenue," as you
have it.

Yours,
Hongkong, 7th December, 1892.

FAST STEAMING ACROSS THE PACIFIC.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Company's
steamer *Empress of Japan*, Captain Lee, on
her last voyage from Yokohama to Vancouver
made the run of 4,297 miles in 10 days, 18
hours, 36 minutes, actual steaming time,
or an average of nearly 164 knots. The
ship left Yokohama 63 hours behind time
as a result of detention by the typhoon
which she encountered between Hongkong
and Swatow, and was unfortunately
in meeting with 35 hours detention by fog off
Cape Flattery. Notwithstanding the mail
was delivered on board the connecting Atlantic
steamer at Quebec within contract time.

CASSELL & CO.'S MAGAZINES.

Cassell's *Saturday Journal* commences a
new volume with the November issue, which is
in a larger and more elegant form. It contains
the opening chapters of a serial story by George
Manville Fenn, "Witness to the Deed," and an
interview in which the same distinguished
novelist describes "how a serial story is
written." There is a well-written article on
"Hull-Hall Artistic," on the Stage and
"Off" but we can see no reference to the
Hon. G. T. M. O'Brien perhaps he has
not yet become an artist, but only a natural
"patterer." He is certainly "Off" the
Journal's series of "Secrets of the Prison House"
is continued; being of a more sensational kind
than any previous month; in fact, there
are so many thrilling incidents in it

that the reader is almost apt to forget that all
these papers are based on official records of
undoubted authenticity. The new issue of this
most popular publication seems to make
more than ever a special feature of notes
on matters of general interest. Those who
have not hitherto been regular readers ought
certainly to commence with the new issue, for
there is not in the whole literary world a better
all-round magazine.

The *Quarter* for November is also the first
part of a new volume, which seems to be very
much the same as of old. There is an article
on "Philanthropists in Parliament," with
biographical notes and excellently executed
photographs of Sir J. Pease, Mr. Isaac Ho, Sir
John Peender and several others, including
that good and humorous W. S. G. who is
known in the East more or less favourably
—rather less. The frontispiece to this number
is an exquisite coloured picture, "The First
Born."

Work is as useful as ever, and affords am-
ateurs and professionals a substantial budget of
most useful practical knowledge for earning their
living or making their lives and surroundings
pleasanter and more artistic. Of most interest
to general readers are the short notes on hosts
of subjects, while the decorative articles and
photographic hints will doubtless be useful to
thousands of readers.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

PARIS, November 6th.
Two more deaths have taken place from the
explosion of the bomb in the police station
yesterday. A most passionate debate took place
in the Chamber of Deputies regarding the out-
rage, and a vote was passed by a large majority
expressing indignation at the same and confidence
in the firmness of Government to prevent its
repetition.

The Currency Committee, after examining the
members of two Manchester firms, adjourned for
a week.

BERLIN, November 6th.
The Prussian Diet opened to-day. The speech
from the Throne announces a deficit of two
millions of marks.

NEW YORK, November 6th.
It is expected that the Democratic majority in
the House of Representatives will probably exceed
one hundred, but in the Senate their majority is
expected to be a smaller one.

ALLAHABAD, November 6th.
The story of the Soma Tash affair is given in
detail by the *Pioneer*. The Afghan Comman-
dant, Shams-ud-din Khan, was surprised in his
tent by Colonel Yanoof, who with slightly-nine men,
the remainder of the force being a short dis-
tance behind concealed from view. Shams-ud-
din and about twenty-two of his men on horse-
back with a letter for the Governor of Badakhshan,
while he himself advanced and exchanged salu-
tations with the Russian officer.

After a short conversation, in which Shams-ud-
din declared that he held the post for his
master and obeyed the orders of no one else,
Colonel Yanoof ordered him away, at the same
time giving him a slight slap on the cheek.
The Afghan Captain at this insult drew his
pistol and fired. The ball pierced Yanoof's belt
and wounded in the thigh a soldier who was
behind him.

In the scuffle which followed Shams-ud-
din struck the Russian Colonel twice with his sword
before he himself was shot down by Cossacks.
The rest was a mere massacre, six Afghans being
killed, as well as a Kirghiz, who was shot as he
tried to run away. The two men carrying the
letter to Badakhshan were pursued and captured,
but were released after a detention of two or three
days.

Shams-ud-din seems to have behaved in a very
gentle fashion. It was the deliberate insult
offered by Yanoof which caused him to offer
resistance, and he died loyally upholding his
master's cause.
A curious circumstance is reported which goes
to show that the nomads on the Pamir are not so
enthusiastic in their welcome of the Russians as
the latter would have the outside world believe.
It is said that the Kirghis have raised a shrine
to the memory of Shams-ud-din, whom they
regard as a martyr to Islam.

LONDON, November 6th.
At the Guildhall Banquet last night, Mr.
Campbell Bannerman, Secretary of State for
War, made a speech in which he especially
praised the efficiency of our army in India. Lord
Kimberley, Secretary of State for India, said
relations with foreign Powers were friendly;
the question of Government, which its
importance demands. With regard to the
Pamir Question, negotiations with Russia were
now proceeding, and his lordship believed that
a friendly settlement was possible by the delimita-
tion of the Indian frontier. His lordship
added that our defenses were such that we can
regard the future with calmness. He then
spoke of the loyalty of the Gorkhas, the British
to the Empire. Referring to the Currency Com-
mission, his lordship said that whatever it does
it will not recommend anything which would
shake the well tried system of British currency.
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